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Transitions

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The St. Joseph Province has been blessed over the years by the presence of many of our partners-in-ministry. We're grateful to so many who embrace our charism and the values of our mission. So during this time of *transitions* we thank those individuals who are moving on to retirement for their wonderful years of partnership, and we welcome our *new* partners to our extended Capuchin family.



Colleen Crane

Colleen Crane recently retired from her position as public relations director for the province. "Over the past 14 years I have worked closely with Colleen," said TL Michael Auman (communications director). "Colleen worked tirelessly promoting the Capuchin identity throughout the province, as well as working closely with our various ministries and fund-raising events. She was a delightful presence at the Capuchin Center in Milwaukee, and will be sorely missed. We offer Colleen prayerful best wishes, and a long and exciting retirement!"

"Thank you all for your many kindnesses over the last fourteen years. It has been a journey and an adventure; one for which I am profoundly grateful. Years ago I was among a group being hosted by Dan Anholzer in Marathon, Wisconsin. He was making a particular point when I realized I didn't have a job; in a sense *I had discovered a vocation.*

And now on to the next adventure. I plan to build a harp. Having no wood working skills (nor apparently musical skills — in spite of taking harp lessons for years!), it does promise to be a journey of sorts. We shall meet next in Rome. Until then, With sincere gratitude, Colleen."

Gerri Sheets-Howard will retire this June from her administrative position at the House of Peace in Milwaukee. Rob Roemer (executive director, Capuchin Community Services) said that "Gerri has spent the last 17 years at the House of Peace. She has seen a lot of the friars come and go. She worked hard and was well loved by staff and guests alike. She was not afraid to enter into a conflictual situation between guests, and had the gift to diffuse it. The mission and ministry values and charism was clearly a part of Gerri's everyday life. Gerri helped to implement new programs and changes as the needs changed in the community.



Gerri Sheets-Howard

Along with the full-time dedication to the ministry, she raised her family and went back to school to earn her degree in pastoral leadership and is now an ordained minister. We thank Gerri for her dedication and commitment to us, and more importantly to our guests. We wish her many more happy and healthy years. There will be a big void at House of Peace when she departs. Thank You Gerri!"

"I have learned so much from working with so many wonderful friars during the last seventeen years. The staff that I have worked side by side with during this time taught me the value of serving "the poor, the

hungry, and the homeless.” I have been greatly inspired by the dedication of numerous volunteers who serve at both sides. Countless guests have taught me patience, humility, grace, tenacity, and ingenuity as they navigate the perils of poverty. It has been through many interactions with our guests that completely transformed me to become a mission-focused woman.

“I would like to thank the Province of St. Joseph for being such a great example of compassion, hospitality, inclusiveness, and commitment to the poor. I have learned much more than could be included in this note. I will forever be grateful for the support, encouragement, and prayers of friars that I have had the opportunity to work with over the years. I never would have imagined that as a young girl, whose father sought help from Booker Ashe on many occasions, would one day have the great privilege to work and serve at the House of Peace. Gratefully, Gerry Sheets-Howard.”



Zoy Garibay and
Shirley Horn

Shirley Horn has served the St. Lawrence Seminary community for *over 50 years* in one capacity or another. A native of Mount Calvary, Wisconsin, Shirley first worked for several years in the seminary’s vocation office before moving on in 1974 to the position in which she served until her recent retirement. As an administrative assistant and associate business manager, Shirley Horn had a very long list of responsibilities and tasks, which she went about cheerfully and quietly, and interacted with staff, friars, and anyone else who happened to stop by her office. As anyone on the SLS staff knows, Shirley could easily problem-solve, offer suggestions and often simultaneously, take phone calls, schedule service calls, unjam the copy machine and wade through a complex tangle of insurance issues, department budgets, and tax questions. After the 2014 St. Joseph Hall fire, she was instrumental in keeping the business office operating, as well as reassembling thousands and thousands of pages of records either lost or

damaged in the fire. When people make a job look easy, it’s because they have worked for it for years and know how to do it like no one else.

Sometimes, we take for granted people who have worked for so long in a certain position. We assume they will always be there. We sometimes forget to say thanks for a job well done and for constant service, as well as for their demeanor, humor, and approachability. *Thank you, Shirley!*

Tim Hinkle has joined the province as public relations director, and is assuming the responsibilities of the office from Colleen Crane.

Tim comes to us from the Archdiocese of Detroit, where he served in the communications department directing social media, branding, web and video productions. He was part of the team from the archdiocese providing public relations and marketing support for the beatification of Solanus Casey at Ford Field last fall.



Tim Hinkle

Tim is currently completing a master of science in communications from Northwestern University with an expected graduation in August 2018. Pastimes include biking, running and performing ongoing renovations to his century-old house in Detroit. He is a member of the Cathedral parish in Detroit. Tim is based at the Solanus Casey Center in Detroit. *Welcome, Tim!*



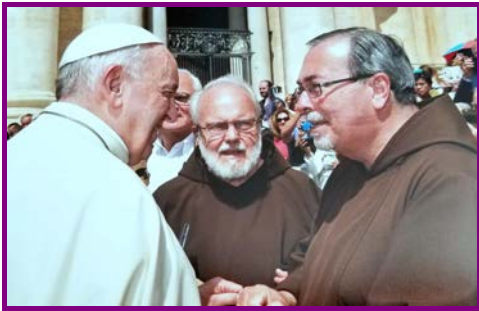
Hannah Costello

Hannah Costello began as the new manager of human resources on 1 May. She will eventually be working with all province ministries and employees to address HR needs. Hannah is excited to be here because in this position she will be able to utilize her varied

experience and skills. After receiving her undergrad from Wayne State University, Hannah received her masters degree in HR administration. She is also certified as a senior HR professional. During her previous employment, she worked in manufacturing, nonprofit and as an account manager for employee benefits.

During her free time, you will find Hannah playing her clarinet with the Warren Concert Band. She may have free tickets to some concerts, so do not hesitate to ask! During the summer, you will find Hannah and her husband Dave, tent camping or golfing. *Welcome, Hannah!*

Solanus Casey Cause is Alive and Well!



Richard Merling (center) with Larry Webber meeting the pope.

Recently Larry Webber and Richard Merling were in Rome to present several potential cases for the miracle required for the canonization of Solanus Casey. They were able to meet Pope Francis at his weekly audience and present him with information about Solanus. *The cause for the canonization is alive and doing well.*

30 July 2018 will be the first celebration of the memorial of Solanus Casey. Resources in English and Spanish for the Eucharist and Liturgy of the Hours are available, including a hymn text. You can access those materials here:

<http://www.sjpcommunications.org/images/uploads/documents/SolanusJuly30.pdf>

Blessing of the Fields

The "Holyland" (Mt. Calvary WI area) parishes celebrated the feast of St. Isidore the Farmer with an annual blessing of the fields of farmers. Joseph Mattathil (assoc. pastor) along with the two parish secretaries — Lori Lemke and Tammy Horn, Gary Wegner (pastor), Karen Abler, and Sisters Jenada and Stephan.



Joseph Mattathil blesses the fields in the "Holyland"

Remembering Those We Lost



People come and go in our lives. "In my seven years at Capuchin Community Services, I've seen a lot of people pass through both House of Peace and St. Ben's," said Rob Roemer, executive director. "Guests, staff, donors and volunteers. While some guests have been here for many years coming to use our services, others come in and out of our lives for a short time. They still leave a significant mark. During the month of May, we gathered at St. Ben's to remember all the homeless who have died in the past year (27 to date). They each had their own story. Some were quiet and went about their own business, never really opening the door to allow others to come to know them. They were important to the character of the ministry. They leave us with a sadness that we never got time to really know them."

"Many who never knew any of those who died in the last year came to light a candle and remember the names of each of those who died alone on the streets. They deserve to be loved and remembered. Their lives mattered and they left an impact on us, whether they were outgoing or quiet. Let us never forget those who think they are forgotten and invisible."



- Anthony Kote-Witah’s mother is being treated for a urinary infection.
- David Funk recently underwent prostate surgery.
- Joseph Peyovich (former friar "Angelo Marie) died recently.
- Marlene Geurts (sister of Ken Smits), recently underwent surgery for endometrial cancer.
- The mother of Gebreyesus Boyine died recently.
- I am overwhelmed by the many emails offering prayers and well wishes. Reading your messages provides so much support. I'm improving and thank you for your prayers and support.
~ Lori Parrish
- I am tremendously grateful for all who sent messages promising prayer at the time of my recent surgery. It was a bit “scary;” but your prayerful concern made it much more palatable.
Gratefully, TL Michael Auman

HELLO JUNE

1	.....	Anish Palliyil (B)
4	.....	Joseph Babcock (B)
5	.....	Truong Dinh (B)
8	.....	James Andres (B)
12	.....	Jason Graves (B)
13	.....	Anthony Scannell (N) Robert Udulutsch (B) Larry LaCross (B)

June

by James Russell Lowell

And what is so rare as a day in June?
Then, if ever, come perfect days;
Then Heaven tries earth if it be in tune,
And over it softly her warm ear lays;
Whether we look, or whether we listen,
We hear life murmur, or see it glisten;
Every clod feels a stir of might,
An instinct within it that reaches and towers,
And, groping blindly above it for light,
Climbs to a soul in grass and flowers;
The flush of life may well be seen
Thrilling back over hills and valleys;



The cowslip startles in meadows green,
The buttercup catches the sun in its chalice,
And there's never a leaf nor a blade too mean
To be some happy creature's palace;
The little bird sits at his door in the sun,
Atilt like a blossom among the leaves,
And lets his illumined being o'errun
With the deluge of summer it receives;
His mate feels the eggs beneath her wings,
And the heart in her dumb breast flutters, sings;
He sings to the wide world, and she to her nest,
In the nice ear of Nature which song is the best?



Register for the Capuchin Team for the *Run-Walk for the Hungry*, which is on June 15 at 6:00 pm. Register to run, walk, or donate. The team name is Capuchin Crew. If you register by June 3rd you will receive a t-shirt and the “early bird discount.”